

Name _____ **Sonnet**



English Sonnet

The English sonnet has the following characteristics:

- It has fourteen lines
- It explores romantic love.
- Its rhyme scheme is as follows: a b a b c d c d followed by e f e f g g.

The sonnet below was written by John Keats. Analyze the poem.

	Rhyme Scheme
When I have fears that I may cease to be	_____
Before my pen has gleaned my teeming brain,	_____
Before high-pilèd books, in charactery,	_____
Hold like rich garners the full ripened grain;	_____
When I behold, upon the night's starred face,	_____
Huge cloudy symbols of a high romance,	_____
And think that I may never live to trace	_____
Their shadows with the magic hand of chance;	_____
And when I feel, fair creature of an hour,	_____
That I shall never look upon thee more,	_____
Never have relish in the faery power	_____
Of unreflecting love—then on the shore	_____
Of the wide world I stand alone, and think	_____
Till love and fame to nothingness do sink.	_____

How many lines does the poem have? _____

What is the poem about? _____

